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U. S. FINANCING IN WAR WAS MARVELOUS

Sec. McAdoo's Annual Report Tells Story of the Raising of Billions—Fifteen Months of War Cost \$13,222,000,000.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—The financial history of America's part in the war is set forth by Secretary McAdoo in his annual report drafted before his resignation, and made public to-day by the treasury. It is the history of how the American people paid billions in taxes, raised four great Liberty loans and created a tremendous pool of credit with which the treasury through its many war agencies paid the bills of the army and navy, the shipping board and other government departments, loaned billions to the allies and millions to war industries, helped support the families of soldiers and sailors and aided farmers over periods of financial stringency.

"The payment into the treasury of vast sums in war taxes and from bond sales," said Secretary McAdoo, "and the transformation of our varied and complex economic life to the supreme task of winning the war have been accomplished without shock or financial disturbance. The credit and business structure of the nation remains sound and strong. The results of the four Liberty loans are a tribute to the patriotism of the American people and to the economic strength of the nation."

The report constitutes Secretary McAdoo's final accounting of his stewardship before retiring as the nation's finance minister. Throughout the report, Mr. McAdoo refers repeatedly to the remarkable achievements of America's civilian population in providing the money and materials for war, and acting as the "eager second line of defense."

Commenting on the showing of financial arrangements in great detail by the document, treasury librarians recalled that the financial history of the Civil war is buried in a great stack of musty ledgers, and probably never will be officially compiled.

For the 15 months ending last June 30, Secretary McAdoo estimated that the actual cost of the war, with allowances for the government's ordinary expenses in ordinary times, amounted to \$13,222,000,000. Nearly half of this, or \$6,499,000,000, went into permanent investments, in the form of ships, shipyards, war vessels, army camps, buildings and loans to allies or to American war industries. Of the year's expenses 31.6 per cent came from taxation.

The civil establishment of the government during the year spent \$1,507,000,000, while the war department spent \$5,684,000,000 and the navy \$1,368,000,000. For support of the army alone the government paid out \$4,412,000,000. The naval expenditures included the construction of new vessels, machinery, armament, equipment and improvements at navy yards. Total ordinary disbursements for the year amounted to \$8,906,000,000 and ordinary receipts, excluding money received from Liberty loans, amounted to \$4,174,000,000. Loans to allies during the year amounted to \$4,730,000,000 additional.

Looking forward, Secretary McAdoo found great difficulty in forecasting expenditures for the current fiscal year which ends next June 30, on account of the sudden coming of peace. Estimates which he presented are based on calculations of each department in advance of revisions since the signing of the armistice and he does not consider them reliable. With this explanation, Mr. McAdoo forecast expenditures for this year

at \$20,687,000,000 for government purposes and \$4,375,000,000 for loans to allies and \$2,540,000,000 for redemption of outstanding certificates and other debt cancellations. Total estimated disbursements for the year were put at \$27,718,000,000.

Against this estimate which actual expenses at the rate of a little more than a billion and a half dollars a month to date, indicate is too high, Mr. McAdoo calculated that the government will receive about \$5,000,000,000 before the end of the fiscal year next June 30 from income and profits taxes, \$1,100,000,000 from other taxes, \$100,000,000 from customs and \$555,000,000 from miscellaneous sources, including \$70,000,000 from increased postage, making estimated receipts from ordinary sources \$6,845,000,000. In addition, he figured roughly on a little more than \$5,000,000,000 from further issues of Liberty bonds and \$1,200,000,000 from war savings. These figures added to receipts from Liberty loan bonds already sold make \$14,168,000,000 the total of popular borrowings expected during the year. On this basis total estimated receipts would be \$21,022,000,000 or \$6,695,000,000 less than tentative estimates of disbursements. Actual developments are expected to change these calculations greatly.

WILLIAMSTOWN

The Home Study club will meet with Mrs. L. O. Martin on Thursday next, Dec. 5, at 2:15 p. m. The subject, "World's Relief," is in charge of Mrs. Randall. Remember our dues are for the benefit of the Red Cross.

The South Hill Farmers' club will meet at the schoolhouse on Thursday evening, County Agent E. H. Loveland is expected to be present. A feature of the meeting will be a discussion of the question, "Is it more profitable for a farmer to sell whole milk than to make butter?" The affirmative will be supported by W. H. Hobard and J. J. Alexander, and the negative by C. L. Hayward and L. J. Warner. Ladies are invited to meet with Mrs. Hayward for a meeting of their own, at which Miss Mildred Dutton will be present.

Mrs. Emmeline Richardson has been quite ill with a severe cold and threatened with pneumonia, but is now recovering.

H. A. Thurber, who broke his leg and was in the Mary Fletcher hospital at Burlington for several weeks, is now able to be around the house on crutches.

Forrest C. Hutchinson returned last Monday to Dover, N. H., after passing a few days with his family at the home of C. A. Bemis. Pupils home for the holiday recess from various schools in the state have returned to their tasks. Among those we note are Richard Gillman from Montpelier, Emma J. D. from Montpelier, Bruce, Hazel Erskine and Lora Griffin to Goddard.

The last report of the sale of war saving stamps in the state gives this town credit for only about one-half the amount that was pledged. Though the time for their purchase does not expire till Dec. 31, all who have not bought the full amount of their pledges are urged to do so at once, and avoid the rush that is sure to come later in the month.

Carl W. Seaver, substitute carrier on route No. 3, has been on duty for a few days past, during the absence of regular carrier H. S. Drury, who has been visiting in Woodstock, N. H.

Miss Lena Thurber, who has been employed as nurse for Mrs. Richardson, has finished her engagement and is at home. Mrs. Clayton C. Spencer and son are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stewart.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Bargain prices on sweaters at Abbott's. Last week to pay your Thrift club at Quarry Savings Bank—adv.

Only the best of talent to be heard at the Grand concert on Friday, Dec. 6.—adv.

Dance, armory, Montpelier, Friday evening, Dec. 6. Admission, 55c. Ladies free.—adv.

Mrs. Norman Tracy of Boston is visiting in the home of her mother, Mrs. Frank Trow of Trow hill.

The current issue of the Saturday Evening Post is to contain another page advertisement of Barre granite.

The hit of the season, Label and Laviolette, musical turn, to be heard at the Grand concert on Friday, Dec. 6.—adv.

Now that sugar restrictions are off on candy making, we shall again have special sales for Saturdays. Barre Candy Kitchen.

Private Kenneth J. Kirk of Camp Devens is passing a few days with Mrs. Kirk at the home of the latter's sister in Maple Grove.

Miss Emma A. Kimball of Buffalo, N. Y., has returned home, after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Gregory at Maple Avenue farm.

Regular meeting of the A. O. H. on Thursday night, Dec. 5, at 7 o'clock. Election of officers. The "45" tournament will be after meeting.

W. E. Gregory has returned to his home at Saxtons River, after spending Thanksgiving at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Gregory.

Ralph Tobin of Academy street, who recently returned from an extended sojourn in Manchester, N. H., is employed as a clerk in the Lamore clothing store.

Hiram Matkot of 88 Prospect street, was taken Monday to the Hayden, Mass., sanatorium for treatment. He was accompanied by his wife and Thomas Abare of Prospect street.

J. C. Sellers, a retail monument dealer, who has been registered at Hotel Barre for a week while here to place orders for Barre granite memorials, has returned to his home in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The pastor of the Baptist church will speak Sunday night on the subject, "Peace with Honor." A sermon relating to the coming peace conference at Versailles. Everyone invited. Patriotic singing.

Remember to attend the concert at the M. E. church this evening at 8 o'clock; admission, 10c. No admission fee charged this afternoon. Come in and see what the ladies have to sell, aprons, food and fancywork.—adv.

C. B. Wilson of Roanoke, Va., a member of the retail monument concern known as the Roanoke Vitrolite & Marble works, is registered at Hotel Barre while placing orders for a number of Barre granite memorials to be delivered late in the winter.

A. L. Gale and B. F. Sawin of Chicago, Ill., and E. V. Alley of Boston, representatives of the Curtis Publishing Co., are registered at Hotel Barre while here on business connected with the national advertising campaign of the Barre Quarriers' & Manufacturers' association.

Additions have been made to the war exhibit in the south display window at the Drown pharmacy, where a German gas mask and back and a set of vases made from French 75 shells formed a nucleus for the collection. Capt. Guy R. Varnum sent home a trench sign found within the German lines and a pair of German field glasses. A German helmet sent to H. P. Hinman by Sgt. John McDonald and Private Joseph Bolles is also shown in the window.

The members and friends of the Baptist church are asked to keep in mind the service on Friday evening at 7:30 in the church. It will be a most interesting hear Mrs. Upham of Boston tell the experiences of her parents, who worked as missionaries among the Cherokee Indians. An offering will be taken to assist in defraying expenses. Mrs. Upham will meet the ladies at 5 o'clock in the church parlors. Members of the third division of the missionary society are asked to meet immediately after Mrs. Upham's address Friday afternoon.

Among the guests arriving at Hotel Barre last night and this morning were the following people: George W. Lockwood of Stamford, Conn., W. H. Nugent of St. Johnsbury, F. E. Earle of Burlington, J. E. McLeod of Bradford, Elwood Johnson of Philadelphia, H. T. Peacor of Troy, J. B. Rosenbaum of Springfield, F. W. Fiske of Burlington, H. S. Flint of Andover, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Buchanan of Orleans, and a Mr. Mackay of Gould, P. Q. T. J. Carr of Springfield, William T. Burnham of Springfield, Mass., George J. O'Brien of New York.

Encampment Old Fellows of Barre will be present in numbers at the annual meeting of the fifth district, I. O. O. F., encampment, in Plainfield on Thursday evening. Halcyon encampment, No. 13, is the entertaining lodge, and invitations have been sent out by L. C. Beck of this city, the district deputy grand patriarch. The program follows: Meeting called at 7:30 o'clock; opening in form; introduction of grand officers; address of welcome, H. C. Cutting; response, for the district, H. William Scott, past grand representative; response, for the grand officers, J. M. Jewell, grand patriarch; 8:30, work, purple degree, Thomas Wildey; encampment; unwritten work, G. F. Walker; reports and remarks by grand officers; banquet. Encampments in Barre, Plainfield, Northfield, Montpelier, Randolph, Watsfield, Waterbury and East Barre make up the district.

At an expense of more than \$2,200, Barre's school commission recently completed the erection of a new retaining wall which skirts the city property on the north and west of the North Barre school grounds. The work was undertaken after water had wrought havoc with the original wall, which members of the school board are quoted as saying was a faultyly constructed when the building was erected a few years ago. The new wall, like the original, is of cement and concrete. It is thoroughly reinforced, and competent engineers have said that it is capable of withstanding the action of the water. Although considerable of an outlay was necessary to restore the appearance of the premises, the school commissioners felt that the old wall, in its partially ruined condition, was a menace to the school children.

SOCIAL CLUB NO. 2.

Se Fa Noto Agli Azionisti del Social Club No. 2, Inc., Socialist Block, 46 Granite St.

Causa della Influenza Spagnola non si tenne l'assemblea generale il giorno 28 Settembre scorso. Percio si rinova la convocazione di detta assemblea per Sabato 7 Dicembre 1918, alle ore 3 p. m. Si prega tutti essere presente. Per il comitato, John Bottiggi, Presidente, Angelo P. Ambrosini, Sec.

TALK OF THE TOWN

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Miss Leona Lamb is going to sing at the Grand concert on Friday, Dec. 6. Be sure and hear her.—adv.

HAD FINE RECORD.

Lieut. Col. A. R. Williams, Jericho, in Service Since 1914—Died in France.

Jericho, Dec. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Williams of this place have received word of the death of their son, Lieut. Col. Allen Rawson Williams, in action in France, Oct. 9.

The deceased was born in this town Nov. 8, 1883. He fitted for college here and in Essex and then entered Norwich university, where he graduated, with high honors, from the civil engineer's course in the class of 1903. After graduation, he went to Virginia, where he was a surveyor. The following year he spent his time working for the Central Vermont railway.

During his student days at Norwich university he was designed by Commander Allan D. Brown, president of Norwich, for a cadetship at Annapolis, but declined the honor.

Through the courtesy of Secretary Redfield Proctor, Mr. Williams took an examination for commission in the United States army, a year before attaining his majority. He was assigned to the position as second lieutenant, Nov. 14, 1904, (six days after he became twenty-one), and was assigned to Fort Assiniboine, Mont.

In 1905, he married Miss Matilda Whitelaw, daughter of ex-Congressman and Mrs. Robert Henry Whitelaw of Capt. Girardeau, Mo. He saw foreign service in the Philippines for two years. Upon his return to this country he was transferred to the 29th infantry and sent to Fort Slocum for two years. From there he was transferred to the 29th infantry and sent to the canal zone. When war was declared he was promoted to the rank of captain and ordered back to the states to train troops for the struggle abroad. About a year ago he was made major and ordered to Camp Funston, Kan. Major Williams sailed from New York to France July 1, and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel Sept. 15. He was then transferred to the 38th infantry in charge of the shock troops and was killed in action Oct. 9.

Besides the parents, Colonel Williams is survived by his wife and two children, Margaret and Philip, now at Capt. Girardeau, Mo., and by one brother, T. B. Williams, of this town.

WILSON'S ADDRESS

CORDIALLY RECEIVED

London Newspapers Reiterate Sentiments of Hearty Satisfaction That He Is to Attend the Peace Conference.

London, Dec. 4.—President Wilson's address to the American Congress is cordially commented upon by this morning's newspapers, which reiterate sentiments of hearty satisfaction that he is to attend the peace conference. They declare the president will find the entente statesmen thoroughly in concurrence with his idealism and devotion to international justice.

There is manifest a strain of anxiety in the editorials with regard to reconciling the president's principles as embodied in his fourteen points with the aspirations of the allies. The Morning Post, while paying tribute in the warmest terms to the president and to American co-operation in the war, insists upon the importance of the exact relation of the fourteen points to the peace settlement being understood. It thinks the points were accepted too hastily by the allied governments. It relies, however, upon the president's definition of them as an outline of the basis of peace and regards them as "a serviceable instrument with which to begin the work of securing peace," everything depending upon their interpretation and application.

The Daily News asks anxiously for evidences of the acceptance of the spirit of the fourteen points, the letter of which was accepted, with the exception, by the allies, and deprecates "the ominous absence of any considered or worthy reference to the supreme issue before the world" in the coalition government's appeal to the electorate of Great Britain. It accuses Premier Lloyd George of appealing to the mob instinct, talks of underground machinations to establish conception in Great Britain and then asks if the omens are better in France and Italy.

"In all the world," it inquires, "who are the statesmen who are backing not the letter but the spirit of President Wilson's policy? The situation is full of menace. If it is to be redeemed, it must be by the people of every country."

CLAIMS OF NEUTRALS.

May Be Submitted at Peace Conference in Paris.

Berne, Tuesday, Dec. 3 (by the Associated Press).—Dr. Widmer of Wolingen introduced a resolution in Parliament today inviting the Swiss government to immediately approach other neutrals for the purpose of jointly establishing the claims and rights of neutral nations at the peace conference, particularly relative to a future league of nations.

"PAY THE LIMIT" DEMANDED.

Found Acceptance By All Nations at Inter-Allied Conference.

London, Tuesday, Dec. 3.—All the nations represented at the inter-allied conference here to-day may be regarded as in agreement with the policy of Lloyd George as to compelling Germany to pay to the limit of her capacity. The allied representative who was also present on the proposition of bringing to trial those responsible for outrages on humanity during the war.

HEAVY EARTHQUAKE.

Was in Progress at 9:30 O'clock This Morning.

Washington, Dec. 4.—A heavy earthquake was in progress at 9:30 o'clock this morning, the Georgetown university geological observatory announced.

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Ten cents per yard less than the regular prices.

Yard-wide Bleached Outing, 39c for 29c, 45c for 35c, and 49c for 39c. Pink and Light Blue 35c Outing at 19c.

Ginghams

All of our 25c and 29c Bargain Basement Ginghams at 19c.

All of our new Amoskeag Ginghams that were 35c, this week 25c.

Half Price

One lot Brass Doll Beds in Basement at half price.

One lot \$2.00 Bennington Gray Underwear, half price. One lot of Yard-Wide Elderdown, half price. One odd lot of Dollar Silk Hosiery at half price.

Yard-Wide Cotton

One lot Unbleached 33c Cotton for 25c. One lot Unbleached 35c Cotton for 25c.

Linen Crashes

One lot of 22c Crashes at 15c. One lot of 24c Crashes at 17c. One lot of 26c Crashes at 19c.

Yarns

In our Basement, \$1.00 White Yarn at 69c. One lot of Khaki Yarn in two sizes, one for stockings, the other for sweaters, at a big saving.

Sweaters

We cannot buy Hoagknit Sweaters and sell them to you at anything that would seem to you a fair price. So we are to close out what we have at less than wholesale prices. These prices will appeal to you just as they are.

Children's Sweaters, these for boys and girls:

\$1.50 Sweaters at \$1.13. \$3.50 Sweaters at 2.63. \$4.98 Sweaters at 3.74.

Ladies' and Gents' Sweaters

The following are one-quarter off the price from what has been a very low price. Can you use these for Christmas?

All of our \$8.50 Sweaters in this sale at \$6.38. All of our very best Hoagknit Sweaters in assorted colors. This has been our special at \$11.00. Now, this sale, at \$8.25.

You should select your Munsing Underwear right away. Later we won't have all sizes. Our line of Marshall Field Handkerchiefs is the largest that we have ever had. Buy your Christmas Cards early. A new line of Ladies' Bags and Pocketbooks just opened up. Dolls and Toys in our Bargain Basement. Visit our Bargain Basement every time you come to our store. It might pay you well.

The Daylight Store

TOPSHAM

Box supper and social for the benefit of the Red Cross at town hall Tuesday evening, Dec. 10. Everyone invited. Ladies please bring well-filled and attractive boxes. Entertainment will be provided. Special music and promenade. Come early and help us have a good time.

Word was received here last Saturday that Dan Stevens, who is employed in a shipyard at Bath, Me., had a serious accident last Wednesday, breaking one leg and badly bruising both arms, also his back was badly hurt. He is in a hospital, where he is having the best of care and it is hoped he may soon fully recover. Sympathy is extended to him, also to the family and relatives here.

A telegram was received by Mrs. George Hall on Monday announcing the death of Mrs. Herbert Brown at Greenfield, Mass. (nee Miss Mamie Chalmers), formerly of this place. Death was due to pneumonia following an attack of influenza.

P. J. McNamara was at South Ryegate last Saturday. Nelson Bixby, who is in the employ of Eugene Williams, had the misfortune to hurt his leg badly last Friday. It was thought at first the bones were broken, but it proved later that they were not, and it is hoped his injuries may not prove serious.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. White spent last Thursday at Groton, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clara Whitehill.

Harold Eastman of St. Johnsbury spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Eastman.

Mrs. James Welch remains about the same. Mrs. Jane Buchanan of South Ryegate is caring for her and Miss Susie Fuller of Newbury is employed as domestic.

E. M. Hood recently shipped a colt to his son, W. M. Hood, at Bedford, Mass. Word has been received that it arrived in good condition and is now domiciled in its new home.

Eggs have dropped from 75 to 72 cents per dozen.

Thanksgiving was observed at Frank Downing's by a family reunion, all the near relatives being present.

Frank Downing, Jr., and family wish heartily to thank all for their kindly remembrance of him in the things sent last Wednesday evening, also for the postcard shower, which numbered 68.

Red Cross Notes.

There was a good number in attend-

ance at the meeting last Tuesday and the president, Mrs. Olive Leet, appointed Mrs. H. B. White and Mrs. J. C. Lang to solicit for the linen shower, which is to be shipped as soon as possible.

Yarn has been received for 32 pairs of socks, 16 pairs to be completed by Jan. 1 and the remainder by Feb. 1. Anyone willing to knit will be furnished yarn by calling at the work room, which is in charge of Mrs. P. J. McNamara.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to convey an expression of my great appreciation for the postcard shower given me on the occasion of my 65th birthday recently. T. C. Perry, Plainfield, Vt.

Grape Fruit Special

Several boxes 80-count Grape Fruit, heavy and juicy, while they last, each 7c

Matchless Spinach, in glass jars, special 17c

Matchless Tomatoes in glass jars, special price 17c

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10 lbs. of A or AA Oatmeal 70c
10 lbs. of Rolled Oats for 60c
10 lbs. of Corn Meal for 55c
Lucky Wheat Breakfast Food in bulk, 3 lbs. 25c

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